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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 1 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim 1 is set forth in a marked up version in the pages attached to this amendment.

- sub a. 1. A quick-connect device for connecting fluid lines comprising:
- a first connecting element that includes an annular first support surface, an inclined surface, and an annular receptacle space with a first sealing surface and a second sealing surface,